Please replace the paragraph as originally filed starting on page 14, line 3 that begins with "Turning now to FIGURE 8," with the following paragraph:

--Turning to FIGURES 8A, 8B, 8C and 8D, a user having a sheet of blank form 70 inserted in the user's printer may order a series of tickets for different sporting events, theaters, lotteries and the like. The user upon connection to a common server which serves several different such sporting events may order and pay for the tickets which will printed as discussed above. These are shown in FIGURES 8A, 8B, 8C and 8D.--

In the Claims

Please, amend claims 24, 26, 28-30, 32, 37, and 39-44 as follows.

Please cancel claims 25, 38, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, and 82.

Please add new claims 83-94 as follows:

1.   A vending machine adapted to create an indicia, said vending machine comprising:

means for interacting with a user to establish a credit value on a document, a desired document type and at least one value of said document;

means for accepting from a particular printable stock associated with said selected document type data unique to said particular form;

means for comparing said accepted data with data stored in a data base to determine if said unique data had been previously accepted; and

means operable under control of said comparing means for providing a set of coded control data for printing on said printable stock, said control data being decodable, in part, under control of key data associated on said printable stock with said unique data.

2.   The invention set forth in claim 1 further including:

means for dispensing printed ones of said printable stock to said user.

3.   The invention set forth in claim 1 wherein said data base is common to a plurality of physically diverse accepting means.

4.   The invention set forth in claim 1 wherein at least a portion of said unique data is preestablished on said printable stock.

5.   The invention set forth in claim 4 wherein said preestablished data includes at least one of the following:

conventional ink, infra-red ink, ultra-violet ink, magnetic ink, isotope tagging, fluorescent ink, holograph marking, silicon chip implant or watermarking.

6.   The invention set forth in claim 4 wherein said preestablished data includes a security marking selected from the list of:

conventional ink, infra-red ink, ultra-violet ink, magnetic ink, isotope tagging, fluorescent ink, holograph marking, silicon chip implant or watermarking.

7.   The invention set forth in claim 2 wherein one of said document types is a sheet of postage indicia wherein the printed data on said stock is in the form of a plurality of postage stamps containing a selected value.

8.   The invention set forth in claim 7 wherein said unique data is preestablished on said stock and includes a security marking selected from the list of:

conventional ink, infra-red ink, ultra-violet ink, magnetic ink, isotope tagging, fluorescent ink, holograph marking, silicon chip implant or watermarking.

9.   The invention set forth in claim 2 wherein one of said document types is a money order.

10.   The invention set forth in claim 9 wherein said unique data is preestablished on said stock and includes a security marking selected from the list of:

conventional ink, infra-red ink, ultra-violet ink, magnetic ink, isotope tagging, fluorescent ink, holograph marking, silicon chip implant or watermarking.

11.   The invention set forth in claim 2 wherein the printed data on said stock is in the form of a money order containing the name of the payee.

12.   The invention set forth in claim 2 wherein said document types are selected from the list consisting of:

postage stamps, money orders, certified checks, cashier checks, travelers' checks, bank drafts, letters of credit, legal documents, legal certificates, diplomas, passports, birth certificates, visas, drivers licenses, social security cards, medical insurance cards, vacation packages, travel vouchers, car rental vouchers, hotel vouchers, meal vouchers, drink vouchers, food stamps, tickets, baggage tags, prescriptions (R_X), vehicle licenses, vehicle titles.

13.   The invention set forth in claim 12 further including:

means for dispensing printed ones of said printable stock to said user.

14.   A vending machine adapted to create an indicia, said vending machine comprising:

means for interacting with a user to establish a credit value on a document;

means for accepting from a particular printable stock associated with said document data unique to said document;

means for comparing said accepted data with data stored in a data base to determine if said unique data had been previously accepted; and

means operable under control of said comparing means for providing a set of coded control data for printing on said printable stock, said control data being decodable, in part, under control of key data associated on said printable stock with said unique data.

15.   The stock of claim 14 further including:

means for dispensing printed ones of said printable stock to said user.

16.   The invention set forth in claim 14 wherein at least a portion of said unique data is preestablished on said printable stock.

17.   The invention set forth in claim 16 wherein said preestablished data includes at least one of the following:

conventional ink, infra-red ink, ultra-violet ink, magnetic ink, isotope tagging, fluorescent ink, holograph marking, silicon chip implant or watermarking.

18.   The invention set forth in claim 16 wherein said preestablished data includes a security marking selected from the list of:

conventional ink, infra-red ink, ultra-violet ink, magnetic ink, isotope tagging, fluorescent ink, holograph marking, silicon chip implant or watermarking.

19.   The invention set forth in claim 15 wherein one of said document types is a sheet of postage indicia wherein the printed data on said stock is in the form of a plurality of postage stamps containing a selected value.

20.   The invention set forth in claim 15 wherein one of said document types is a money order.

21.   The invention set forth in claim 20 wherein said unique data is preestablished on said stock and includes a security marking selected from the list of:

conventional ink, infra-red ink, ultra-violet ink, magnetic ink, isotope tagging, fluorescent ink, holograph marking, silicon chip implant or watermarking.

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22.   The invention set forth in claim 15 wherein said document types are selected from the list consisting of:

postage stamps, money orders, certified checks, cashier checks, travelers' checks, bank drafts, letters of credit, legal documents, legal certificates, diplomas, passports, birth certificates, visas, drivers licenses, social security cards, medical insurance cards, vacation packages, travel vouchers, car rental vouchers, hotel vouchers, meal vouchers, drink vouchers, food stamps, tickets, baggage tags, prescriptions (R$_X$), vehicle licenses, vehicle titles.

23.   The invention set forth in claim 22 further including:
means for dispensing printed ones of said printable stock to said user.

24.   (Amended)   A method for establishing the validity of a display created by a non-secure printer, said method comprising the steps of:

placing in said printer paper upon which information may be created, said paper containing preestablished data which is unique to said paper; and

communicating at least a portion of said preestablished data to a location independent from said printer, said independent location operable to send to said printer a security indicia, as part of a human readable display, said security indicia created in part by information contained in said preestablished media data and whereby said security indicia is validatable at a subsequent time partially under control of data contained in said preestablished paper data, said unique data being created on said paper using one or more of the following methods:

conventional ink, infra-red ink, ultra-violet ink, magnetic ink, isotope tagging, fluorescent ink, holograph marking, silicon chip implant or watermarking;

wherein said paper is divided into sections, each section adapted for printing thereon information pertaining to a different display, each such display having associated therewith a security indicia.

28 26.   (Amended)   The method of claim 24 wherein each said display is generated from the same preestablished data.

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27.   (Amended)   The method of claim 2~~6~~ 28 wherein the human readable portion of each said display is identical to all the other human readable displays on the media.

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28.   (Amended)   The method of claim 24 wherein the security portion of each said identical display is different.

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29.   (Amended)   The method of claim 24 wherein the security portion of each said identical display is the same.

30.   (Amended)   The method of claim 24 wherein the security portion of each display includes a portion of said preestablished data.

31.   The method of claim 30 wherein said security portion has at least one section created from the following list:

conventional ink, infra-red ink, ultra-violet ink, magnetic ink, isotope tagging, fluorescent ink, holograph marking, silicon chip implant or watermarking.

27 32.   (Amended)   The method of claim 24 wherein the sections control the delivery of mail pieces when said security indicia is created thereon.

33.   The method of claim 24 wherein the media is paper and wherein the security indicia includes the monetary amount available to a holder of the paper.

34.   The method of claim 33 wherein said security portion has at least one section created from the following list:

conventional ink, infra-red ink, ultra-violet ink, magnetic ink, isotope tagging, fluorescent ink, holograph marking, silicon chip implant or watermarking.

35.   The method of claim 33 wherein the security indicia includes a human readable portion which contains financial information.

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36.   The method of claim 33 wherein said financial information includes information sufficient to create a money order.

37.   (Amended)   A method for establishing the validity of a display created by a non-secure printer, said method comprising the steps of:

placing in said printer paper upon which information may be created, said paper containing preestablished data which is unique to said paper;

communicating at least a portion of said preestablished data to a location independent from said printer, said independent location operable to send to said printer a security indicia, as part of a human readable display, said security indicia created in part by information contained in said preestablished media data and whereby said security indicia is validatable at a subsequent time partially under control of data contained in said preestablished paper data, said unique data being created on said paper which is part of a form defining one or more from the group consisting of:

postage stamps, money orders, certified checks, cashier checks, travelers' checks, bank drafts, letters of credit, legal documents, legal certificates, diplomas, passports, birth certificates, visas, drivers licenses, social security cards, medical insurance cards, vacation packages, travel vouchers, car rental vouchers, hotel vouchers, meal vouchers, drink vouchers, food stamps, tickets, baggage tags, prescriptions (R_X), vehicle licenses, vehicle titles;

wherein said paper is divided into sections, each section adapted for printing thereon information pertaining to a different display, each such display having associated therewith a security indicia.

39.   (Amended)   The method of claim 37 wherein said security indicia is created from one or more of the following:

conventional ink, infra-red ink, ultra-violet ink, magnetic ink, isotope tagging, fluorescent ink, holograph marking, silicon chip implant or watermarking.

40.   (Amended)   The method of claim 37 wherein each said display is generated from the same preestablished data.

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41.   (Amended)   The method of claim 37 wherein the human readable portion of each said display is identical to all the other human readable displays on the media.

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42.   (Amended)   The method of claim 37 wherein the security portion of each said identical display is different.

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43.   (Amended)   The method of claim 37 wherein the security portion of each said identical display is the same.

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44.   (Amended)   The method of claim 37 wherein the sections control the delivery of mail pieces when said security indicia is created thereon.
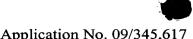
45.   The method of claim 37 wherein the security indicia includes the monetary amount available to a holder of the media.

46.   The method of claim 45 wherein said security indicia is created from one or more of the following:

conventional ink, infra-red ink, ultra-violet ink, magnetic ink, isotope tagging, fluorescent ink, holograph marking, silicon chip implant or watermarking.

47.   The method of claim 45 wherein the security indicia includes a human readable portion which contains financial information.

48.   The method of claim 47 wherein said financial information includes information sufficient to create a money order.

49.   A system adapted to create an indicia, said system comprising:

means for interacting with a user to establish a credit value on a document;

means for accepting from a particular printable stock associated with said document data unique to said particular form;

means for comparing said accepted data with data stored in a data base to determine if said unique data had been previously accepted; and

means operable under control of said comparing means for providing a set of coded control data for printing on said printable stock, said control data being decodable, in part, under control of key data associated on said printable stock with said unique data wherein said document is a blank sheet adapted to print postage stamps thereon and wherein said control data is associated with postage printed concurrently with said unique data, wherein said document is a blank sheet adapted to print postage stamps thereon and wherein said control data is associated with postage concurrently printed thereon.
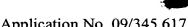
50.   The system set forth in claim 49 wherein at least a portion of said unique data is preestablished on said printable stock.

51.   The system set forth in claim 50 wherein said preestablished data includes a security portion.

52.   The system set forth in claim 51 wherein said security portion is at least one of the types selected from the list of:

conventional ink, infra-red ink, ultra-violet ink, magnetic ink, isotope tagging, fluorescent ink, holograph marking, silicon chip implant or watermarking.

53.   The system set forth in claim 49 wherein said preestablished data includes at least one of the following:

conventional ink, infra-red ink, ultra-violet ink, magnetic ink, isotope tagging, fluorescent ink, holograph marking, silicon chip implant or watermarking.

54.   The system set forth in claim 49 wherein said credit value is the identity of the said user.

55.   The system set forth in claim 49 wherein said credit value is a monetary value created on said stock under control of said accepting means.

56.   A method of creating on printable stock valuable information the verification of authenticity of which at a subsequent point of use is necessary, said method comprising the steps of:

interacting with a user to establish a user credit value;

accepting from a particular printable stock associated data unique to said particular stock;

comparing said accepted data with data stored in a data base to determine if said unique data had been previously accepted;

providing, under control of said comparing step, said valuable information as well as a set of coded control data for printing on said particular printable stock, said control data being decodable, in part, under control of key data associated on said particular printable stock with said unique data, such that said valuable information can be verified at said point of use, said valuable information including at least said user credit value, wherein said document is a blank sheet adapted to print postage stamps thereon and wherein said control data is associated with postage concurrently printed thereon.

57.   The invention set forth in claim 56 wherein at least a portion of said unique data is embedded within the printable stock.

58.   The invention set forth in claim 57 wherein said preestablished data includes a security portion.

59.   The invention set forth in claim 58 wherein said security portion is at least one of the types selected from the list of:

conventional ink, infra-red ink, ultra-violet ink, magnetic ink, isotope tagging, fluorescent ink, holograph marking, silicon chip implant or watermarking.

60.   The invention set forth in claim 56 wherein said preestablished data includes at least one of the following:

conventional ink, infra-red ink, ultra-violet ink, magnetic ink, isotope tagging, fluorescent ink, holograph marking, silicon chip implant or watermarking.

Please add new claims 83-94 as follows:

59 83.   (New) A method of creating a document, wherein authenticity of the document will be verified at a time subsequent to creation of the document, comprising:

receiving a specified amount of financial credit from a consumer;

receiving information from said consumer that identifies a payee for said specified amount of financial credit;

receiving a unique identifier from a stock, wherein said unique identifier comprises an encryption key;

creating authentication information, wherein said authentication information is used by the consumer to complete a financial transaction;

encrypting said authentication information utilizing said encryption key; and

communicating said encrypted authentication information to be printed on said stock.

60 84.   (New) The method of claim *59* 83 further comprising:

completing payment of said specified amount of financial value to said payee.

61 85.   (New) The method of claim *59* 83 further comprising:

debiting the specified amount of financial value from an account maintained by the consumer.

86. (New) The method of claim 83 wherein said step of receiving a specified amount is performed by an intermediary via the Internet.

87. (New) The method of claim 83 wherein said step of receiving a specified amount is performed by a vending device.

88. (New) The method of claim 83 wherein said authentication information is encoded in a machine-readable format.

89. (New) The method of claim 88 wherein said machine-readable format is a bar code.

90. (New) A system for creating a document, wherein authenticity of the document will be verified at a time subsequent to creation of the document, comprising:

means for receiving a specified amount of financial credit from a consumer;

means for receiving information from said consumer that identifies a payee for said specified amount of financial credit;

means for receiving a unique identifier from a stock, wherein said unique identifier comprises an encryption key;
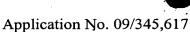
means for creating authentication information, wherein said authentication information includes information pertaining to a financial transaction;

means for encrypting said authentication information utilizing said encryption key; and

means for communicating said encrypted authentication information to be printed on said stock.

91. (New) The system of claim 90 wherein said means for of receiving a specified amount receives communication of said specified amount via the Internet.

92.   (New) The system of claim 90 wherein said means for receiving a specified amount receives communication of said specified amount via a user interface of a vending device.

93.   (New) The system of claim 90 wherein said authentication information is encoded in a machine-readable format.

94.   (New) The system of claim 93 wherein said machine-readable format is a bar code.